



Pueblo Park and its recreation center are situated on .5 acres at 2252 Del Amo Blvd. in North East Torrance. The park land was part of the Old Rancho San Pedro. It was acquired on February 13, 1945 and named after its surrounding neighborhood. A "playfield" was added and dedicated in October of 1969. The Community Recreation Center building was added 2 years later in 1971. The name Pueblo means "the village".

The City acquired .7 acres of additional land (known as the "church property") in January of 2001. It is a short distance from the original park and is located at 2314 Del Amo Blvd. This property was the original site of the St. Joseph's Mission which later became St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The area represents the Mexican heritage and tradition of generations of local residents. Surrounded by heavy industry, it needed much improvement. The Park and Recreation Commission eagerly embraced the responsibility of procuring and developing the Pueblo Playfield.

The Pueblo Park Community Center was developed in 1969 through the fundraising efforts of a local citizens group by the name of The Pueblo Community Club. This club was led by Mr. Ruben Ordaz; who asked volunteers from the City to help raise funds to improve their area by holding a "fiesta," in order to build a recreation hall. The project was named "Operation Pueblo". The Pueblo Fiesta, a three-day event, took place from October 3-5, 1969 and was attended by 13,000 to 15,000 people. This project was the result of volunteer community efforts to help improve the area for the Pueblo citizens and to enhance and fortify the Spanish/Mexican tradition in the community. El Camino College students assembled the structure at the college then transported it to the Pueblo Park site. The building was completed in 5 months. It has a multi-purpose room with kitchen.

The Pueblo Park Community Center was dedicated on February 27, 1971 and was attended by Mayor Ken Miller, Dean Cole, Parks and Recreation Chairman, Dean Cole and Councilman Dr. Donald E. Wilson. The

Torrance Police Department donated the California and Mexican flags that were placed in the new recreation center. There is a plaque that has a list of organizations and some individuals that contributed to the building of the Recreation Center. Pueblo Community Center was rehabilitated in 1986 through a Roberti-Z'berg Grant. The park's surrounding area has a picnic area, a basketball hoop, and children's play area. As of August 2010, the redevelopment of the park properties was pending grant funding approval.